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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated June 24, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

2Q. (Amended) A method of promoting angiogenesis in ischemic tissue comprising the steps of:

providing an implant,

associating an angiogenic substance with the implant,

accessing the ischemic tissue,

inserting the implant into the tissue,

orienting the implant in the tissue to place the tissue in stress by expanding the implant from a low profile first configuration to a large profile second configuration.

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